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TAGS: EAID, EFIN, EAGR, BE

SUBJECT: IFAD: RATIFICATION, TOP MANAGEMENT, AND SITE

REF: STATE 53953

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL WITH
G. METTEN, CABINET/COOPERATION AU DEVELOPPEMENT, IN

THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. METTEN SAID THAT THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH MOST OF THE U.S. POSITION.

2. ON THE PRESIDENCY, THE BELGIANS ALSO SUPPORT AL-SUDEARY (ALTHOUGH THEIR INFORMATION, WHICH METTEN ADMITS MAY BE OUTDATED, IS THAT THERE STILL EXISTS A FACTION WITHIN OPEC SUPPORTING SHIHATA OF THE UAR). ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT THE MOST COMPETENT OPEC CANDIDATE, IN THE BELGIAN VIEW, HE IS NONETHELESS PREFERRED AS A MODERATE, WELL DISPOSED TO THE WEST. METTEN SAID THAT HE WAS ALSO SURE THAT BELGIUM WOULD SUPPORT A U.S. CANDIDATE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

3. CONCERNING THE PERMANENT SITE, BELGIUM CONTINUES STRONGLY TO PREFER ROME. METTEN QUESTIONED THE U.S. TACTIC PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 6B REFTTEL, LINKING A DECISION ON THE PERMANENT SITE TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE REPLENISHMENT. HE ASKED WHETHER THE SITE QUESTION MIGHT BETTER BE DECIDED BEFORE THEN, WHILE OPEC HAS THE PRESIDENCY AND THUS PERHAPS MIGHT FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT IRAN'S DEMAND FOR THE SITE AS WELL. MOREOVER, A CONFRONTATION OVER THE SITE AT THE TIME OF REPLENISHMENT COULD ENDANGER THE LATTER, IN THE BELGIAN VIEW. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT (A) PUTTING THE PERMANENT SITE QUESTION ASIDE FOR NOW WOULD SEEM THE BEST TACTIC IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RAPID RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IFAD; (B) A DECISION BEFORE THE FUND'S CONTINUITY IS ASSURED BY REPLENISHMENT MIGHT BE PREMATURE IN ANY CASE.

4. AS FOR RATIFICATION, "BELGIUM WILL BE ONE OF THE LAST" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDING TO METTEN. RATIFYING LEGISLATION WAS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE PARLIAMENT BEFORE ITS DISSOLUTION LAST WEEK AND NOW CANNOT BE UNTIL AFTER THE APRIL 17 ELECTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT NEOGIATIONS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT. EVEN AFTER SUBMISSION, PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION WILL TAKE AN ESTIMATED YEAR OR MORE. IN THE MEANWHILE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL TRY TO OBTAIN PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL THROUGH THE 1978 BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS TO EXPEND AMOUNTS EARMARKED FOR IFAD IN THE 1976-78 BUDGETS (BY THEN, A TOTAL OF BF 500 MILLION).

5. METTEN SAID HE IS PREPARING GUIDANCE ALONG LINES OF FOREGOING FOR THE BELGIAN DELEGATION TO THE MARCH 17 MEETING OF OECD MEMBERS IN ROME (DELEGATION WILL BE FROM THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN ROME).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AVAILABLE TO MEET POINTS RAISED BY METTEN IN PARA 3 ABOVE.
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